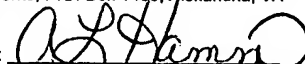


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.